(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) At present there is no proposal to set up a separate Telecom. Division for Darrang District.

(b) Does not arise.

Pay scales of rural post masters

1439. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for enhancing the pay scales of the rural post masters as most of them suffer stagnation in pay scales as well as service status; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Delivery of telegarms

1440. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the telegraphic messages through code numbers have been delivered to the addresses in New Delhi during these years in the code number itself without transforming the code numbers into messages; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Departmental action is taken against the defaulting official for the lapse and the sender is given the refund of telegraph charges.

Telephone and telegraph Sub-divisions in Kerala

1441. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone and telegraph Sub-divisions in Kerala at present;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number of such offices to increase the efficiency; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the new offices and the places where they are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) There are 30 TE Sub-divisions and 16 Phones Sub-divisions at present in Kerala Circle.

(b) and (c) Review of no. of sub-divisions based on workload is a continuous process. These are examined as and when the workload justifies.

Uzhavoor telephone exchange

1442. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present capacity of Uzhavoor telephone exchange in Kottayam district, Kerala and how many telephone connections have been provided;

(b) what is the present number of wait listed applicants there;